

Amendments to the Drawings

The attached sheets of drawings replace the original sheets 2, 3 and 4.

Attachment: 3 replacement sheets

REMARKS

Thorough examination of the application is sincerely appreciated.

Applicant's claims are amended to clarify and particularly point out the patentable subject matter of the present invention.

In response to the objection to the drawings, the replacement sheets are enclosed herewith. Entry of the revised drawings is respectfully requested.

In response to the objection to the drawings, Applicant's representative respectfully declines to designate FIG. 1, 3(a) and 3(b) as "Prior Art." Applicant's description of those figures does not include any references to prior art. It is respectfully submitted that Applicant describes the novel and non-obvious features of his invention in connection with those figures in the section of the application entitled "DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS." Hence, the label as requested in the Office Action is not applicable and would be considered Applicant's admission of prior art with respect to those features. Withdrawal of the objection is, therefore, respectfully requested.

In response to the further objection to the drawings, Applicant's representative added labels "YES" and "NO" to block 130 in FIG. 5. No new matter has been added. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

In response to the further objection to the drawings, Applicant's representative traverses the objection and respectfully submits that the provided drawings fully comply with 35 USC 113. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

In response to the objection to the specification, the drawings are amended in order to correspond to the specification. No new matter has been added. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

In response to the objection to claims 3, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, those claims are amended as suggested in the Office Action. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

To conclude the prosecution of the application and without conceding any statements or waiving any arguments in the Office Action, the allowable subject matter of claims 8 and 9 is incorporated into independent claim 1, thereby making claim 1 and dependent claims 3 – 7 allowable. Similarly, the allowable subject matter of claims 15 and 16 is incorporated into independent claim 10, thereby making claim 10 and dependent claims 11 – 14 allowable. Further, the allowable subject matter is incorporated into independent claim 17, thereby making claim 17 and dependent claims 18 and 19 allowable. Finally, the allowable subject matter is incorporated into independent claim 20, thereby making claim 20 and dependent claims 21 and 22 allowable.

An earnest effort has been made to be fully responsive to the Examiner's correspondence and conclude the prosecution of this case. In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

Please charge any additional fees associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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